

VERNON AND ELIZABETH MURDOCK

Vernon was born in Heber City, Utah to Thomas C. and Millie Lindsay Murdock on September 9, 1928. He lived most of his early years in the Murdock home at 457 East 600 South with two older sisters, Hope and Doris, and a younger sister, Kathleen, and brothers, Thomas J. and Lee. His father was a steel worker and miner most of his life. His mother, Millie, worked for many years at the old Heber Exchange in the dry goods and ready-to-wear department. They were a family that worked hard, loved the out-of-doors.

After Vernon attended Wasatch County schools, he served a three year mission in Argentina. He then became a student at BYU, graduating with a B.F.A. degree in 1954. At the "Y" he was a letterman in wrestling. In 1955 he entered the United States Air Force

as a jet pilot, obtaining his honorable discharge in 1958 with the rank of Captain.

In 1958 he met and married Elizabeth Vance, then a nurse at the B.Y.U. Health Center. Vernon taught school in Salt Lake for two years before coming to Wasatch County High School to continue his teaching career for several more years. Before their children came along, Vernon and Elizabeth traveled a lot, spending one full summer touring and studying in Europe.

Vernon is a self-employed artist illustrator. For several years he filled a satisfying role as an illustrator of 16 volumes of L.D.S. Church History and 10 volumes of Bible stories. In addition to many other pictures, he has painted a series of Wasatch County Historical paintings including one of the former old County Court House and the old Stake Tabernacle in the town square, the old, now demolished grist mill which occupied the corner of Center Street and Mill Road in earlier days, and one entitled "The Legend of Timpanogas." Vernon is now a teacher at Wasatch Middle School.

Vernon is a member of the Rotary Club, an international service organization.

Elizabeth Vance Murdock was born to Robert and Anna Farnsworth Vance in Madera, Chihuahua, Mexico, December 3, 1933. She spent her High School years in Mesa, Arizona. She graduated from the Good Samaritan School of Nursing. Elizabeth has worked as a registered nurse in the Heber Hospital and in doctor's offices and health center in Phoenix, Texas, California, Provo, Salt Lake and Mexico. Elizabeth is a member of the Wasatch County Board of Health and an Advisory Commission Member for Timpanogas Mental Health Center.

Elizabeth and Vernon are the parents of four children: Eric Vernon, married to Jaymae Stagg, Shaun Carlos, Amy, and Alisa.

With their family Vernon and Elizabeth continue to travel whenever possible. They have been to many states, back to New York for the Hill Cumorah Pageant, to Mexico to visit relatives numerous times and to Canada. In 1979 they made a memorable trip to Israel with Tom and Marva Watson.

In 1970 they bought the home built by Vernon's grandfather, Andrew Lindsay, at 489 East 600 South. Over the years they have added onto and remodeled the home and made it a lovely, special home for their family to enjoy.

Vernon's church positions include the following: Adult Gospel Doctrine class teacher for over 20 years, Second Counselor in the Bishopric with Doug Merkley, 5 years, Teacher of Project Temple classes for many years. (More than 17 families sealed in the temple through these classes), Elder's Quorum president 5 years, Seventie's president and ward mission leader. He helped to build the Third Ward Chapel, working full time during construction.

Elizabeth's church positions include the following: Stake Mission, Provo, 1957, Y.W.M.I.A. president, Third Ward 1960-63, Primary President, worker in Scouting Program 11 years, Work Director and Relief Society Teacher, Ward music director, Heber Stake Blazer leader, teacher of numerous nursing classes in stake and ward, Primary Teacher.